

Serial No. 09/552,713
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Amendments to the Drawings:

New formal drawings showing Figures 1A-1C, 2A-2B and 3A-3C are submitted herewith.



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REMARKS

Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants' counsel wishes to thank Examiner Tugbang for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on February 22, 2006.

During the interview, Applicants' proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 8 and 15 to clarify that the top and bottom openings of the holder are at the longitudinal ends and that the holder is substantially closed and hollow in the longitudinal direction. As agreed, these amendments do not add any new matter or raise any new issues.

In view of the above, Applicants submit claims 1-6 and 8-16 are patentable over BYRD as agreed during the interview. Hence, Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

As also discussed during the interview, Applicants submit herewith formal drawings, including the amended drawings previously approved by the Examiner.

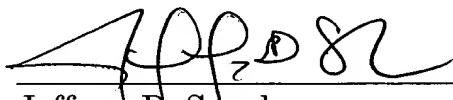
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038849.48834US).

Respectfully submitted,

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